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FRANCE AS THE 49th.

(The Boston Traveler)

France should join the United States as the 49th State.

This extraordinary proposal came to our desk this week from a French war veteran, now paralyzed, who seeks an extreme remedy for an extreme world situation.

Since Congress has for years only timidly dabbled with admitting Hawaii and Alaska to the Federal union as the 49th and 50th states, Monsieur Dewavrin's idea for a U. S. of the World obviously doesn't have the traditional snowball's chance down where it is hot.

We don't propose to comment on the practicability of his proposal, however. What we want to touch on is the great magnetism of the idea of America to the rest of the world.

There are, after all, only three or four hundred million people in the world (one-sixth of its population) who have had much of a go at freedom. Of these, about half live in the United States, and their experience with liberty has proved that nothing can match it.

Here, and in the few other parts of the world where the people are lucky enough to govern themselves, we have proved that free people can outthink, outproduce and, if necessary, outfight the dictators' helpless masses. And we have made for ourselves national lives richer in substance and variety than any that ever existed on the face of the earth.

Our constitution, our union of separate sovereign states joined together only for necessary common purposes, would undoubtedly be the model for any real universal state that might someday come into being. America, which has made that federal system work on its own continent, would almost certainly be the nucleus for such a world state.

How can we capitalize on this strong attraction of the American idea? How can we help to extend its benefits to those who know liberty and love it, and now see its existence threatened by a ruthless dictatorship? How can we make the most of freedom's lure to those who have never known it.

These are the questions posed by the Frenchman's letter. Beyond saying that we know America will be making the least of its great chance if it becomes increasingly self-centered and nationalist, we do not claim to know the answers. But to Mr. Dawavrin on his sickbed across the Atlantic, and to others who think like him, we say: You and we belong to the same world.

MISCELLANEOUS FACTS ABOUT A SISTER NATION

(From a Bulletin of the Canadian Government Travel Bureau)

Canada now has a population of 14 million, of whom half are of British descent, one-third of French origin and the rest of other European strains. Sixty per cent of the people live in cities and towns.

Canadians have an average four member family income of about $3,500 a year. Three out of five families have automobiles, five out of seven homes have telephones, and 19 out of 20 homes have radios.

Canada, a country of great distances, is larger than Europe. It takes 20 hours to cross from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific by air.

Since 1939 Canada's gross national product—the sum total of all new goods and services produced—has doubled in volume and tripled in value. Canada is the United States' best customer, and in 1950 Canadian United States imports amounted to more than two billion dollars.

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(From The Winchester Star)

New Yorkers are recovering from a television orgy such as they never had expected to see. Department store sales dropped alarmingly and other businesses complained of a dearth of customers because people stayed home to see the program.

The Senate crime investigating committee was questioning underworld figures, including Frank Costello, gambler and reputed boss of Tammany Hall.

Costello objected to having his face televised during the questioning and the committee let him have his way, so only his hands were pictured on the screen. Anyhow, there were plently of other faces to scan as the inquiry went on.

Watchers could see the Senators, the committee's counsel, the witnesses, the lawyers sitting beside their clients on the stand. They could hear the voices, calm or agitated, insistent or suave, angry or sullen.

It was like a scene on the stage or in a movie, except that it went on and on. Except, too, that it had not been designed to build up suspense as it rose toward a climax. There were climaxes, but they were likely to come without warning. The comic relief sometimes seemed to fall at the wrong places. It was not funny, but offensive. Yet the drama gripped.

Why not? After all, New Yorkers were watching and hearing the story of their city's shame. They had to believe that the owner of those eloquent hands and the hoarse voice has been a power among them. He had to be consulted about who should run for mayor, he was a gambler but he was fawned on. If New Yorkers had never elected him to office, he nevertheless ruled over them by something in the nature of consent.

So now the people of New York have been given a vivid portrait of what happens when citizens fail to exert their responsibilities. Perhaps they will take it to heart.

TYRANNY OVER THOUGHT

(Cleveland Plain Dealer)

As millions of Americans are coming to know, in the process of being amused by the politically pointed motion picture "Born Yesterday," the magnificant intellect and spiritual force of Thomas Jefferson forged the phraseology: "I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

It is good to have Jefferson's immortal statement borne anew into the public consciousness, through whatever medium; for in so many places today tyrants are endeavoring to enslave, to subjugate the human mind and mold it to their own ends.

A free press that is humbly aware of its responsibilities a society that go along with the priceless grant of freedom, must eternally re-dedicate itself to that "hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man."

Although there are those who are skeptical of the sincerity of the utterance, a recent statement by a cabinet member of the Truman administration gave current embodiment to the spirit of the Jefferson credo.

"Better a free press with margins of error broad as an eight-column banner headline, even with techniques we condemn perpetrated by some of them to the great anquish of most of us, than a press that in any degree is directed, harassed, influenced, constricted, or inspired by any source other than its reporters, editors and publishers, who in turn get their cue from the people," said Attorney General Howard McGrath in an address to the Boston Press Club.

TURKEY GROWERS REPORT EARLY HATCHINGS

Operations of turkey hatcheries in the Shenandoah Valley are well above those of last year—and chiefly an effort to meet the demand for turkey broilers and for light weight birds in offseason periods, says D. U. Livermore, poultry marketing specialist at V. P. I.

Livermore reports that poults hatched for the 1951 season totaled 368,000, compared to 129,000 a year ago, for the week ending February 17. This represents a 185 per cent increase. Likewise, before January, 1951, 80,000 poults were hatched in the Valley, while before January, 1950, none were reported.

Present marketings are at a seasonal low point, most of the 1950 crop having been sold at December and the months prior. Breeder hens will move to market in a few months. These birds normally sell at a discount, compared to younger birds sold in the preceding October-January period. The discount ordinarily shows up as a seasonal decline in the prices farmers receive for turkeys in the spring as compared with the preceding fall and winter. However, in view of the present "extraordinary" marketing conditions, the seasonal decline may be smaller than usual, Livermore says.

Livermore also reports that turkey prices averaged 34.5 cents per pound live weight, in mid-February in the United States, compared with 31.6 cents a year earlier. Markets continued steady to firm on dressed turkeys during February. Prices tended slightly upward. The stocks of dressed turkeys on January 31 totaled 117,000,000 pounds compared to 138,000,000 pounds last year, and a five-year average of 113,000,000 pounds.

HOMEMAKERS' ITEMS

There's a correct height, spread of shade, and size of bulb for each type of lamp. And all lamps for reading, studying, sewing, and other difficult seeing should be equipped with diffusing bowls or with the white indirect lamp bulb. These, and other tips on lighting your home, are available in a new circular, "Live With Light." Write to the Agricultural Extension Service, at V. P. I., Blacksburg, for a free copy.

Now that spring is here, it's time to start thinking about storing winter woolens. As soon as the weather becomes milder, begin with your heaviest woolens, and put them away, several at a time. Clothing specialists at V. P. I. say not to put away woolens unless they are absolutely clean and free from moths. Either dry clean your woolens, or wash them in mild, lukewarm soapsuds. This will kill all stages of moth life.

Since you pay for your bones and your trimmings when you buy meat —use them in soup. Put the bones left from the platter into the soup pot. Soak them in cold, salted water, then simmer for three to four hours. Add your vegetables and seasonings toward the end of the cooking time. Soon you'll have the soup kettle habit for odds and ends of meat, vegetables, and vegetable cooking water.

If you want a quiet room, don't use shiny fabrics, such as rayon, and damask, for draperies and slip covers. Try using dull cottons in textured fabrics. If you want your room to seem larger, use light grey-green colors. Paint the woodwork to match wall colors.

FLOWER SHOWS

Flower shows slated throughout the state of Virginia this spring include the 17th annual Daffodil Show presented by the Garden Club of Virginia, April 6 and 7, at Staunton; the Virginia Federation of Garden Club's Spring Flower Show at Richmond, April 7 and 8; the annual Spring Flower Show of the Federation of Garden Clubs of Norfolk and vicinity April 21 and 22, and the Garden Club of Virginia's annual Lily Show, June 21 and 22, at Middleburg.

Special exhibits at the Museum of Arts and Sciences of interest to visitors to Norfolk this spring include 17th, 18th and 19th century Dutch, Spanish and French Flower Paintings through April; the Norfolk Philatelic Society's annual exhibition during the month of May and "Life in the Confederacy and the Confederate Sea Power" from May 30 through June.

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...sburg, March 26.- Miss Carrie ... of Richmond spent the Easter ... and Mrs. C. C. Rosser.

... and Mrs. R. K. Martin and ... en spent Friday in Newport ...

... and Mrs. R. W. Covington and ... ren spent Sunday with her ..., Mrs. C. C. Rosser ... and Mrs. Sidney Blackwell ... and William Swann, of Newport News spent the week-end at their home near here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ingo, of Concord visited Mrs. S. C. Drinkard on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Covington entertained on March 18, for the 49th wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Winston Ferguson. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Parris and daughter, Mrs. Orne Ferguson, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Childers and Ellen Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Ferguson and family and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Inge and children.

Nannie Belle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Goin, is improving after being sick for some time. She expects to have her tonsils taken out Thursday, March 29.

E. P. Sears spent the past week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sears in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sears, Mrs. Gene Sears and E. P. Soars plan to spend the week-end in Richmond, with Mrs. Jimmy Guild and Mrs. Edwin Leatherbury.

Rocks

Rocks, March 26.- The snow last night came as a surprise to many.

A. T. Anderson is much better.

Mrs. W. R. Moore has returned home after spending a few days here with her father, A. T. Anderson.

Winston and Wiley Ranson were moving Mr. and Mrs. Holmsey Inge, Jr., and family from Crewe to Appomattox Wednesday.

Louise Taylor spent Wednesday night with Sandra Ruth Roach.

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Roach, of Lynchburg spent Wednesday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

School closed Thursday for Easter.

Johnny Roach had his tonsils removed at Lynchburg General Hospital Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach accompanied him to the hospital. Robert Roach, Stanley and Sandra Ruth went to Lynchburg Friday to get Johnny.

Mr. and Mrs. Blass Ranson and children arrived Friday night to spend Easter here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ranson and family spent Easter here with his mother, Mrs. Maude Ranson.

Prayer meeting was held Friday night in the home of C. S. Ranson. The attendance was not so good.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Williams and Steve, of Waynesboro spent Saturday night with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach.

Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Inge, of Appomattox were in the neighborhood awhile Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ranson got a New car Saturday.

Edward Ranson attended the pre-Easter service at Elon Church one night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Roach received a notice last week from Battle Creek, Michigan of the sudden death of W. M. Gow. Deepest sympathy is extended his wife.

Several from here went to Farmville Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh had several of their children to visit them during Easter.

Several from here are planning to attend the revival meeting at Evergreen Baptist Church this week.

Listen to Calvin Robinson as "The County Editor," each Friday evening at 7:15 over WWOD.

Pamplin

Pamplin, March 27.- Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Mohler, Mrs. Bessie Mattox and Miss Frances Mattox spent the week-end with Mrs. Hamlett Franklin at Pocahontas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Brockwell, Balker Brockwell and William Swan, of Newport News were week-end visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. McChesney.

Mrs. L. M. Southall and Mrs. H. M. Robinson were Sunday visitors in the home of their brother and outer-in-law, Mr and Mrs. O. C. Paulett, of Evergreen.

Miss Mary Rives Black, of Charlottesville spent the Easter holidays with her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Black.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood, of Winchester were week-end visitors in the home of her mother, Mrs. H. F. Clark.

The Business Women's Circle of Zion Baptist Church met Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. Roy Lucado.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bersenni and children, of Richmond spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. D. Canada.

Miss Mildred Slayton, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Slayton.

Miss Ann Terry, of Glasgow spent the holidays in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Terry.

The P.-T. A. will meet Thursday night in the school library.

Mrs. C. C. Rosser visited last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, of Hixburg.

Rev. John Cunningham, of Cascade visited relatives here last week.

Vera

Vera, March 27.- We are having some colder weather today, after a snow for Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. George Craddock and daughter, of Norfolk, Va. spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Kanipe were supper guests of Mrs. T. P. Robertson and Florence Saturday night.

Mrs. Spencer Garrett, Jr. and Miss Florence Robertson visited Mrs. Homer Reynolds Friday night.

Two threats on life of Senator Tobey are reported.

Bomber, with four aboard, crashes at sea.

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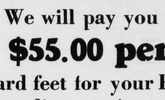

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